



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Mayor's Task Force on Infrastructure

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Thursday, October 6, 2016  
7:00 PM

Regular

701 E Broadway  
Conference Room 1C

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Tracy Greever-Rice called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Staff: Tad Johnsen, Columbia Utilities Director; John Glascock, Deputy City Manager; Chris Kisch, Sr. Administrative Support Assistant

**Present:** 6 - Gregg Coffin, John Conway, Cody Darr, Kim Kraus, Bill Weitkemper and Tracy Greever-Rice

**Absent:** 3 - Katrina Boles, Tony Grove and Jen Hedrick

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The October 6, 2016 agenda was approved with a motion by Mr. John Conway and a second by Ms. Kim Kraus. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were not minutes available for approval.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Greever-Rice thanked the task force members for all their hard work. She then stated that the goal is to go through the recommendations for each of the utilities along with the general and global recommendations. The task force began with their storm water recommendations. Mr. Coffin advised that he had a past version of the storm water recommendations but would submit the current version to Ms. Greever-Rice the following morning. There was some talk of recommending a Utility Advisory Board; Mr. Coffin stated that the task force is uncertain about a Utility Advisory Board. Mr. Conway moved forward asking how the sections should be titled. Ms. Greever-Rice suggested by title of the utility, stating that all categories should be consistent. The task force discussed the concern of revenue not being collected and rate reviews. Mr. Coffin added that there needs to be some financial information left to capture current cost and revenue. He added that drivers need to bring more funds into the utilities. Mr. Weitkemper asked Mr. John Glascock if rate reviews were done every five years. Mr. Glascock answered that the City does try to. The task force continued through the storm water recommendations.

The next topic was streets and sidewalks. Mr. Darr noted that he had pulled some

recommendations from the last version. He started with annexation. Ms. Greever-Rice advised that annexation should be saved for the global recommendations. The task force discussed the single issue ballot on major intersections, in particular I-70 and Highway 63. Mr. Darr noted this project is very expensive and there are no funds, adding that the CIP tax seems reasonable. The task force brought up the issue of fuel efficiency, noting more needs to be done. Mr. Darr advised that number four on the list is new which relates to the recovery of internet sales tax for Missouri. He continued to number five on the list, noting it is a pretty generic recommendation. Mr. Darr added that fifty cents per square foot is not adequate and needs to be looked at more. Ms. Greever-Rice suggested that the task force recommend further investigation and review of structured fees and policies.

The task force then moved to their Streets and Sidewalks recommendations. Mr. Weitkemper asked about development contribution. Mr. Darr advised that it is not an objective assessment. Ms. Greever-Rice asked if it was a recommendation or a background. Mr. Darr noted that it seems to be more of a theory on how things should work. Ms. Greever-Rice stated that it seems to be more of a global recommendation than a streets and sidewalks recommendation. This particular recommendation, number four, was tabled as the task force could not come up with a solution. The task force decided that recommendation number five only needs reformatting. Ms. Greever-Rice feels that the negotiated fees should be eliminated. Mr. Coffin advised that there will be some situations that require negotiation and suggested maybe minimizing them. Mr. Coffin suggested that the task force not recommend anything specific but more investigation needs to be made into negotiation fees. Ms. Greever-Rice suggested also that maybe have this for the Public Hearing. The task force moved forward to continue the streets and sidewalks recommendations. It was noted that developers should cover the cost of the impact of their developments.

The task force then moved to their Sewer recommendations. Mr. Coffin began saying that number two on the list is more of a global recommendation and ties in with the Water and Light Advisory Board (WLAB). Ms. Greever-Rice advised this one would be put aside and discussed with the global recommendations. Mr. Coffin noted that number three is duplicated in storm water and it should be there. Mr. Weitkemper advised that for number four, the ordinance defines a residential sewer user as an owner or occupant that is connected directly or indirectly or has available to the dwelling unit the City of Columbia's sanitary sewer system. Mr. Darr stated that Mr. Weitkemper defines as one way and the City defines it another, adding he does not feel strongly on this one. Mr. Conway advised to distinguish the two. Mr. Weitkemper noted that a customer cannot be residential and non-residential both, adding they all have to be the same. Ms. Greever-Rice advised that the way the downtown area is any building could be used for either. Mr. Darr noted that there almost needs to be a commercial/residential rate structure due to this issue. Ms.

Greever-Rice advised that an issue of concern is the fear of ending up with a regressive cost structure. Mr. Coffin added that the lowest consumer is impacted the most where the wealthy consumer goes down, adding that to bring revenue in, all has to be in balance. Mr. Conway advised that the two must be separated into residential and non-residential. Charging by toilet was brought up and Mr. Weitkemper stated that is unjustified. Mr. Conway stated that to do that, the number of toilets in a home and how many used would need to be known. Mr. Coffin advised that the issue needs to be clarified. Ms. Kraus suggested tabling this recommendation for now as she needed to be dismissed early. Ms. Kraus asked about penalties for illegal connections. Mr. Glascock advised that the City does work with the customers and ask that they come in and take care of it, if they do not, the City will and does take the customer to court. Mr. Darr noted that number nine is a good one and stated it has a good funding recommendation. The task force continued their discussion on the sewer recommendations.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **VI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Mr. Weitkemper stated that he feels that the task force is moving too fast as a group.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1C

October 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing in Council Chambers

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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